

The petitions of Matthew More, Edward Marbee, of Prince-George's county, Thomas Miller and others, of Kent county, and sundry of the inhabitants of Charles county, late purchasers of Calverton manor, were read and referred to the next session of assembly.

Mr. Thomas, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Briscoe; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Thomas and Mr. Mills.

Mr. Forrest, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill entitled, An act to suspend the collection of the tax from certain persons who have suffered by the enemy; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hall, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the United States in congress assembled to impose and levy a duty of five per centum on imported foreign goods, and on all prizes and prize goods, for the payment of the debt contracted by congress during the war; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Forrest, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act in favour of Legh Master; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower Thomas Contee to settle and collect the debts due to William Moleson, and William and Robert Moleson, or either of them, and to apply the same; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Fitzhugh has leave of absence.

The bill relating to Chew's Farm, in Washington county, was read the second time, and withdrawn for want of being advertised agreeable to a resolve of this house.

Mr. Dashiell, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-two; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Shaw, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Jonathan Hudson, beg leave to report, that they believe that the facts set forth by the petitioner are true, and that he ought to be relieved from the payment of taxes. Which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

G. RANKEN, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

The bill for the liquidation and payment of debts against persons convicted of treason; was read the second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Winder and Mr. Morris.

Charles Carroll, Barrister, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the relief of Anthony Addison and Eleanor Callis, endorsed; "By the senate, June 5, 1782: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

"By the senate, June 8, 1782: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Also a letter from general Greene, and a letter from the president of congress of May 28, enclosing a resolve of congress of the 27th.

Which were read and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Quynn, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee, to whom was referred the petitions of sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, beg leave to report, that having taken the subject entrusted to them into consideration, find, that by a law passed last session to hold special elections, &c. in Cecil county, conformably to the petitions of a great part of the inhabitants of the said county, one or more of the judges, appointed for the special purpose, are authorised to hold the elections at the places therein mentioned, and that two of them have power to appoint a clerk. We find that the elections have been held by one of the judges, in every respect conformably to the letter and the intention of the law, except in appointing a clerk, which was done by one judge; that this arose from a refusal of the other judges to serve in the execution of the law, from the best evidence.

Your committee are of opinion, that this refusal was in consequence of an apprehension that the court-house would be fixed at a place which would not be agreeable to the two judges aforesaid, and as the law directed the appointment of a clerk by two judges, those gentlemen conceived they would destroy the validity of the election, by preventing a compliance with the letter of the law in this respect. That by a majority of votes Charles-town is the place the people have chosen to have their court-house. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that the law has been substantially complied with, and that the election ought to be confirmed, and the petitions against it ought to be rejected. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDBER, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Forrest,